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Sir:

Applicants note that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office issued a Notice of Abandonment in connection with the above-identified application on July 28, 2006, two days before the final due date of July 30, 2006 for filing a response to the Notice to File Missing Parts. The response was timely filed on July 28, 2006.

Applicants representative has made several telephone calls to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office requesting that the Notice of Abandonment be withdrawn. Instead of receiving such a Notice of Withdrawal, Applicants have received a Notice of Acceptance evidencing that the Declaration was timely filed on July 28, 2006.

Applicants have reviewed private PAIR and note that the status of this application has changed to "Application Undergoing preexam processing"

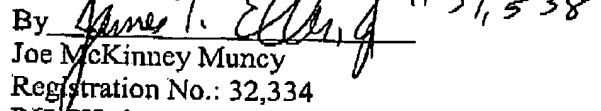
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Given the PAIR status for this application and the Notice of Acceptance, Applicants believe that there are no further actions to be taken with regard to the erroneously issued Notice of Abandonment. Applicants will now await a first Office Action.

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